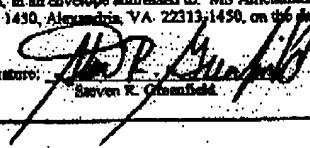


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Dear Sir:**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2006 (Paper No. 20051221), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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